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TRIP TO MOSCOW, MARCH 26 - 31, 1977

THREAT ESTIMATE

1. A REVIEW OF OUR FILES AND AN ANALYSIS OF INTELLIGENCE
AVAILABLE HAS PRODUCED NO DIRECT, IMMEDIATE THREATS TO
SECRETARY VANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS VISIT TO THE
SOVIET UNION.

BACKGROUND

2. TIGHT SOVIET SECURITY MEASURES PRECLUDE ANY REAL
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POSSIBILITY OF A THREATENING OR EMBARRASSING INCIDENT
BEING DIRECTED AT SECRETARY VANCE. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
BY SOVIET CITIZENS IS ILLEGAL, AND DEMONSTRATIONS, WHEN
THEY DO OCCUR, ARE VERY CONTROLLED. MOREOVER, IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S ARRIVAL OR ITINERARY WILL
BE PUBLICIZED.

3. IF AN INCIDENT DOES OCCUR, IT WOULD PROBABLY ORIGINATE WITH THE SOVIET DISSIDENT COMMUNITY. U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS ARE BEING STRAINED AT PRESENT BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. SECRETARY VANCE'S PRESENCE IN MOSCOW COULD PROVIDE A "PUBLICITY" OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET DISSIDENTS TO EXPLOIT THIS ISSUE.

4. THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS BEEN ALERTED TO OUR PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO THE SY COMMAND CENTER ANY PERTINENT INTELLIGENCE WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF MR. VANCE. SY/CC WILL, IN TURN, IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ALL DEVELOPING INFORMATION. VANCE

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